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## NOTED DIVINE LAID TO REST

FUNERAL SERVICE HELD AT  
ELEVEN O'CLOCK AT THE  
BAPTIST CHURCH

Followed by a concourse of friends and mourners the body of the late Dr. J. D. Hufham, for so long the friend, pastor, and advisor of so many people in this community, was laid to rest in the Baptist Cemetery, at eleven o'clock. The large attendance at the funeral was a silent testimony to the esteem which this distinguished and good man was held in the community in which he labored during his younger manhood holding the affection of the members of his congregation all these years. His wise counsel and much sought advice will be missed, but the force of his wonderful example will live on for years and years to come.

A large number of people from out of town attended the funeral among whom are noted the following.

Of the immediate family, the surviving members in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Singleton, of Mebane, Miss Mary Hufham of Converse College, Converse, S. C., and Mr. J. D. Hufham of Washington, D. C.

Drs. R. T. Vann and Livingston Johnson, of Raleigh, N. C., Dr. Kessler, of Thomasville, N. C., Dr. Taylor of Warrenton, N. C., Dr. G. T. Lumpkin, of Suffolk, Va., and Dr. Roberts of Mebane, N. C.

Mr. Hill and Miss Hill niece and nephew of Dr. Hufham, Mrs. Huntcut and Mrs. Bain, Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Lofton, of Warsaw.

## VIVIANI VISITS HARDING, PRESIDENT RECEIVES PREMIER

(By Associated Press)

Washington, March 30.—President Harding received former French Premier Rene Viviani who, as envoy extraordinary of France, came here on a visit of courtesy to President Harding. Viviani was presented by Secretary of State Hughes. Speculation was still unanswered to-day as to whether French envoy intended to use occasion of visit to President as an opportunity of feeling out new administration as to its probable course regarding the League of Nations.

## WOMANLESS WEDDING AT ENFIELD

Enfield, N. C., March 30.—Everything is in readiness for the Womanless wedding which will be held tonight at the Graded School Auditorium. The bride and groom, although very nervous and suffering from anticipated stage fright have not as yet eloped. A large crowd is expected to attend the ceremony.

### WEATHER REPORT

for the week ending March 27.  
By J. H. Applewhite

Temperature highest 88 on 21st.  
Temperature lowest 44 on 23rd.  
Highest average 80th.  
Lowest average 55 2-7.  
Rainfall 88-100.

Money is a sort of skulker after all—it goes into hiding when it is out most needed.

Old winter has been something of a jelly fish—he does not even have a backbone to be broken.

## Two Men Crucified

RELIGIOUS ORDER OBSERVES  
HOLY WEEK BY SACRIFICING  
TWO HUMAN BEINGS

(By Associated Press)

Albuquerque, N. M., March 30.—Two men were crucified in Penitente village of Abiquiu in Northern New Mexico on Good Friday in observance of Holy Week in rites performed by members of light religious order, according to two artists who arrived here to-day. For more than an hour the two human beings who were sacrificed were tied to wooden crosses, at end of which time they were taken down bleeding and exhausted. The condition of the men is said to be serious and recovery is in doubt. The Penitentes are Indians with a Mexican and mixture. It is considered an honor among Penitentes to be selected for crucifixion.

## SKULKERS IN WAR TO BE PUBLISHED

(By Associated Press)

Indianapolis, March 30.—The full lists of draft dodgers will be furnished by the War Department to all American Legion posts, national headquarters of American Legion announced to-day. Publication of lists will extend over several months. Local posts are instructed to check lists carefully so that innocent men will be protected and the guilty placed in jail immediately.

## RIOTING OF COMMUNISTS IN GERMANY CON- TINUES

(By Associated Press)

Berlin, March 30.—Communists uprisings which appeared yesterday at the point of collapse, have flickered up again in various sections of Germany, and reports to-day indicate that more than sixty persons have been killed in renewed fighting. The district between Leipzig and Halle appears to be the chief zone of communist operations.

## LAND APPRAISALS UP ON TUESDAY, APRIL 5

Raleigh, March 30.—On next Tuesday, April 5, in all the one hundred counties of the State the matter of a reduction in land appraisals will come up for consideration before the board of commissioners and the county appraisers sitting as a board of review. The board of review will determine if a horizontal reduction in assessments shall be made and if so what per cent. The findings of the board of review will in turn be reviewed by the State Tax Commission, the law saying, "the values so reported shall be the values at which the property shall be assessed for taxation unless and until the same have been changed and revised by the State Tax Commission and certified to the board of commissioners."

The interests of the nation seem to lie in getting few more public enemies in prison before letting any

Some dries will be shocked to enter their favorite drug stores and see several cases of beer in the place of the cosmetic case.

## STATE OF UNREST AND DISTRESS PREVAILS IN ALL RUSSIA

Stockholm, March 30.—Russian peasants south of Moscow gladly sell a horse for three boxes of matches or a kilo of salt, it is declared by persons said to be in touch with conditions in the interior of the country.

Observers cite this state of affairs as the cause of the counter-revolution in March which, they say, began to take definite form in January. Unwieldiness of the Soviet administrative machine, the difference among the Bolshevik leaders and the fuel crisis with consequent stoppage of transportation and lack of food are given as the reasons for the subversive movement.

Discontent which was prevalent throughout Russia during the war period, but concealed in the presence of the invading enemy, could no longer be repressed when the fighting men returned home to find want and distress.

The first signs of revolt against the existing order are said to have been apparent at the Russian trade union congress in Moscow last November. There were further evidences of dissatisfaction in the eighth All-Russian Soviet Congress which convened in splendor at Moscow last December. These symptoms of reaction, it is stated, were unapparent on the surface, but made themselves felt among those behind the scenes. Harmonious resolutions were adopted, but the attack came from a quarter whose importance could not be doubted.

In this Eighth Congress, the metal workers' and miners' unions, led by Schliapnikoff, urged the democratization of the government which, it was charged, was military and bureaucratic. Schliapnikoff also demanded that the food administration be placed entirely in the hands of the trade unions. This was plainly an attack against the Communist executive committee and the highest soviet authorities.

More recently the press of the country has shown signs of greater freedom and has not hesitated to attack policies of the government, which, it is said, has entrenched itself by appointing thousands of petty officials.

Press controversies have revealed animosities between leaders. For instance, Trotzky and his followers are declared to be set upon a policy of nationalization of trade unions, whereas Lenin believes it wiser to maintain the independence of the unions apart from the government and to use them as training schools for Communism. And there are numerous other groups which, it is stated, are bent upon other projects, revealing a tendency to destroy the former unity of front in Russian policy.

Within recent weeks the transportation of coal from The Donetz valley has grown steadily less. The production was between 300,000 and 400,000 tons monthly, but only about 150,000 tons were loaded for rail haulage, due to the practice of expropriation by subordinate soviet corporations or councils.

Simultaneously with the reduction in the coal supply, there was an all but complete cessation of delivery of wood. In addition to this, the snowless winter and the slaughter of horses in 1920 added to the difficulties of local transport.

Lack of fuel resulted in the shutting down of rail traffic. According to soviet newspapers no trains are running on 30 lines and on the others only rudimentary schedules are being maintained.

Little hope for improvement is held out unless supplies of naphtha stored at Baku can be brought into the center of the country.

## NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

(By Maxwell Gorman)

Raleigh, March 30.—Telephone rate revision in North Carolina, in which every town in the State with a telephone service is interested, is on the board of the State Corporation Commission this week. The hearings will consume all of this week, as the gas rate hearings did last week, and in the latter case it is expected the decision may be reached to become effective early in April.

The date fixed for the oral argument of the Southern Power Company and the group of electrically driven cotton mills is April 20th, after which other public service corporations will claim additional attention of the Corporation Commission.

### Ask Increased Telephone Rates

Representatives of several of the larger cities of the State are here to oppose the excessive additional charge for telephone service by the Bell Telephone Company and other companies, and these include many lawyers as usual.

Increase in exchange rates is asked for both business houses and private residences and all other like phone rates and is much larger than any previously granted the whole. Raleigh for instance is paying a 25 per cent increase ordered last year by the Corporation Commission, but the telephone people want more yet. The existing long distance rates will not be changed, it is announced.

### To Start Big Road Building Job

There have been few governors of this or any other state who have had at the outset of their administration as much heavy work to perform, difficulties to adjust, tribulations to bear, of one kind and another, as Governor Morrison has experienced during his three months on the job, so far. He is just returned from a short vacation visit to Charlotte, and finds the usual greetings from some newspaper correspondents and reporters in Raleigh, who think they know all about everything and proceed to criticize the chief executive's business from that viewpoint.

Now they are magnifying the so-called "unrest" of the recently appointed members of the State Highway Commission, the initial meeting of which was originally set for Tuesday of this week, but which they assert will be delayed. The sale of bonds, or borrowing of money in part on short-term notes, by the State, and some other important preliminaries as yet undetermined, leads the Governor to desire a conference with the full Highway Commission before the first regular meeting is held. This conference, it is expected, will be held in a few days.

### Many Details Now Ready

The preliminary survey of the entire State system of roads, 5,500 miles long, has been made under the direction of Mr. Page, and the commission is ready to proceed with the formalities of taking them over. The drafting department of the commission has prepared maps of the system, and will be ready to forward them to the County Commissioners for posting within a day after the commission orders it done.

Not only prospective road building, but the organization of the authorized maintenance department and putting in into operation, is marking time until the entire commission is called together and the entire nine members take hold of the work of supervision and direction of the great enterprise upon which the General Assembly determined. Commissioner Page has been unwilling to do other than general preliminary work until the full commission has reviewed the situation.

Chief interest in the meeting will center about the first issue of the au-

## PROHIBITION ENFORCE- MENT EXPECTED TO IMPROVE

(By Associated Press)

Washington, March 30.—This nation will settle down within the next year or two to a more complete observance of the prohibition laws, Attorney General Daugherty said to-day, and there will be less bootlegging. Prohibition enforcement is now a hard job, he declared. The dockets of district attorneys are congested with cases all over the country.

## NOTED SCULPTOR AND SOLDIER BURIED IN ARLINGTON

(By Associated Press)

Washington, D. C., March 30.—Within sight of a confederate monument, considered his greatest work, Sir Moses Ezekiel, sculptor and confederate soldier, was buried in Arlington National Cemetery today. A letter from President Harding was read at the Memorial Exercises, in which he characterized him as a great Virginian, a great American, and a great citizen of world fame. Secretary of War Weeks made the principal address.

## CHEAP LABOR MAY DOOM WHITE RACE

London, March 30.—Dean Inge, a well-known cleric known as the gloomy Dean, predicts that cheap labor may seal the doom of the white race. He declared in an address that the Japanese had tolerated a labor system no better than that of England 100 years ago. Under a regime of peace, free trade and unrestricted emigration the colored race would outwork, underlive, and eventually exterminate the whites.

The abolition of war and the establishment of a league to secure justice and equality of treatment for all nations, would seal the doom of the white laborer, he prophesied.

The Dean was of the opinion that the British social order was on the verge of bankruptcy and as conditions became more unfavorable to enterprise capital and business ability would be transferred to the economically strong countries.

Authorized road building bonds, and the plan of maintenance provided for in the bill, Governor Morrison is understood to be unwilling to borrow money on short term notes in anticipation of the sale of the bonds. The commission, under the law, has no part in that phase of the problem, it being named merely to spend the money after it is provided by the Governor and Council of State.

Doubts are entertained as to whether the State will be able to sell the bonds in the present market at the authorized interest rate of 5 per cent. Apparently it is a question of borrowing the money or letting the road building stand idle for the time being.

### To Fight New Freight Rates

At a conference between the North Carolina Corporation Commission and traffic men of the State over recent promulgated tariffs from North Carolina to Mississippi Valley points the conferees agreed on a program of opposition. The North Carolina interests will be represented in a hearing to be held in Memphis, Tenn., by the Interstate Commerce Commission, beginning April 5th.

## NEWS FROM HOBGOOD

Mr. Jenkins the County Welfare officer visited the Hobgood school Monday to interview the parents who have been keeping their children from eight to fifteen years old out of school.

Miss Callie Craft spent the week end with her relatives near Ayden. Miss Bess Edwards, Miss Elizabeth Hyman and brother Mr. Edward, Hyman spent Easter in Wilson.

Miss Stafford spent Easter at her home in Kernersville where she attended the early morning Moravian Easter service.

Miss Lillian Bailey spent Easter with her mother in Hobgood, N. C. Mr. Jeff Peak spent the week end with his family in Hoskie, N. C.

Mr. For long spent the week end at Portsmouth, Va. with his family.

Miss Beulah Moore spent Easter in Hobgood, N. C.

Mrs. Fran Armstrong is spending a few days in Rocky Mount, N. C., attending the Baptist W. M. U. convention.

Mr. Heartburger took a number of the Hobgood people to spend the day at the river Sunday. In the party was: Miss Eva Kitchin White, Miss Louise Bell, Mrs. W. P. White, Virginia White and Daisy Bell.

For long years Hobgood has been in darkness; but this condition of affairs is passing. With the coming of each night a new light shines. Friday night the first street light was turned on, Saturday night there were two, now there are six. The people of Hobgood hope to have the whole town lighted by Friday night. Both the Baptist and Methodist churches are to be wired as well as the new school building.

The Norfolk School has consolidated with the Hobgood School. There are now five schools in the new community school. The enrollment is two hundred and twelve.

Tuesday afternoon Mr. Levira Leggett gave an instructive talk to the Civil Government Class of the seventh grade and the High school on taxes.

## DAMAGE TO FRUITS AND VEGETABLES NOT KNOWN

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
AWAITING REPORTS ON DAM-  
AGE BY COLD WAVE

(By Associated Press)

Washington, March 30.—Extent of damages suffered by fruits and vegetables last night and today by the cold wave in sections of Missouri, Illinois and Indiana, as well as parts of Virginia, Western Maryland, Pennsylvania and New England had not been determined by the Department of Agriculture tonight. Reports were slow in coming in, officials said, and in addition an exact determination of the damage would have to wait upon a warm day when discolorations on frozen fruit buds and blossoms would appear.

Meagre reports indicated that there had been some damage to fruit trees in blossom in Maryland and Virginia. Because of the preceding warm weather, which had advanced blossoms and tender vegetables beyond the usual development for this time of year, officials indicated that the damage might be considerable.

### COTTON MARKET

May	12.34
July	12.81
October	13.28
December	13.54
January	13.62